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Applicants	Beat Krattiger, <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/694,577	Filing Date: October 27, 2003
Title of Application:	Optical Instrument, in Particular an Endoscope, Having an Interchangeable Head
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Examiner	John P. Leubecker

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**Response to Species Election**

This is a response to the notice of non-responsive, dated August 1, 2006, to the Examiner's notice of incomplete response of March 17, 2006.

Applicants hereby elect the Species of the first transmission system with an optical waveguide extending through a shaft and interchangeable head and the second transmission system with optics arranged in the interchangeable head and shaft. Applicants submit that claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 9-16 and 17 are readable on the elected species. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 9-16 are generic to all species in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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